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Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2009 summer storage onion production increased 5 percent from 2008. Production is estimated at 6.51 million cwt, up from the 6.19 million cwt produced in 2008. Harvested and planted acreage increased 200 acres from last year to 8,800 acres, and 9,000 acres respectively. Onion yield is up 20 cwt from 2008 to 740 cwt per acre. The value of the 2009 crop totaled \$44.3 million, down from \$38.6 million in 2008. The price per cwt for the 2009 crop is \$8.30, up \$7.40 from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2009 totaled 1.17 million cwt, up from 970,000 cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2009 summer storage onion production decreased 1 percent from 2008. Production is estimated at 14.7 million cwt, down from the 14.9 million cwt produced in 2008. Harvested acreage decreased 800 acres from 2008 to 20,000 acres, while onion yield increased 20 cwt to 734 cwt per acre. The value of the 2009 crop totaled \$109 million, up from \$96.1 million in 2008.

Nationally, summer storage production is up 3% from 2008 to 56.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down, from 105,690 acres in 2008 to 103,960 acres in 2009. The U.S. average summer storage yield is up 24 cwt per acre from 2008 to 547 cwt per acre. The 2009 summer storage crop is valued at \$473 million dollars, compared to \$500 million in 2008. Shrinkage and loss for the 2009 crop totaled 5.74 million cwt, up from 5.07 million cwt last year.

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